

# WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

3:00 p.m.

By telephone

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## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

CHARLES MARTIN, PT, CHAIR  
PAULA DILLON MAYS, PT, VICE CHAIR  
MARSHA MELNICK, PT  
BRETT WINDSOR, PT  
SUSAN SAWYER, PUBLIC MEMBER

## **STAFF PRESENT**

KRIS WAIDELY, HSC 3  
JOY KING, HPS3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
JENNIFER BRESSI, HSC 1  
MELISSA BURKE-CAIN, AAG, ADVISOR  
KRISTIN REICHL, HPQA POLICY & RULES  
TAMI THOMPSON, HPQA POLICY & RULES  
JUDY WORKER, PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE

## **GUESTS PRESENT**

RICH BETTESWORTH, PT, PTWA  
PATRICIA R. MUCHMORE, PT, PTWA  
MELISSA JOHNSON, PTWA  
BRETT TAYLOR  
KATHLEEN ALLEN, PT

ELAINE ARMANTROUT, PT  
GAIL MCGAFFICK, WSPMA  
MARTIN L. ZIONTZ, WSPMA  
SUSAN SCANLON, DPM, WSPMA

## **Tuesday, April 11, 2005 – 3:05 PM - OPEN SESSION**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Charles Martin, PT, Chair, at 3:05 p.m. Mr. Martin verified all attendees on the line.

- 1.1 Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as presented.
- 1.2 Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2006 – Ms. Sawyer identified some grammar errors, and the minutes were tabled until the next meeting as there is uncertainty regarding the notes in item number 5.

### **2. RULE DEVELOPMENT**

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft Electroneuromyographic Exam & Sharp Debridement rules as presented.

**WAC 246-915- 360 Sharp debridement education and training.** Mr. Martin addressed each board member to ask if they had any concerns with the proposed language. Each member did not have any concerns or modifications to the proposed language.

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Mr. Martin asked the guests present on the call for any comments regarding the proposed language. Gail McGaffick indicated the proposed language is inadequate, does not address education, and does not meet the statutory requirement. She provided the Board with a revised proposal to the rule language. Ms. Waidely e-mailed the revised language to the Board prior to the meeting. Ms. McGaffick strongly feels the rule language should contain the statute definition of sharp debridement and a statement regarding the requirement of having a referral and or consultation.

Mr. Ziontz conducted a minor private survey of MD's that he knows and all the MD's were shocked that PT's are performing sharp debridement and felt that 20 hours of training was inadequate. Mr. Ziontz indicated that the PT's should want to list more education and training as it would be profession promotion.

Kathleen Allen contacted Sally Munn at Swedish Hospital Burn Center and PT's currently mentoring interning DPM's. There are not any training requirements to receive certification.

Rich Bettsworth indicated that classroom times should not be listed in rule. He wanted to remind everyone that this rule is for the protection of the public not to market a specific profession.

Dr. Susan Scanlon indicated that at the March PT meeting, it was discussed that only a small number of PT's perform sharp debridement.

Kris Waidely asked the Board whether the statement "meets the requirements of this section" should be listed twice and the board referred to Melissa Burke-Cain, AAG. Ms. Burke-Cain indicated that it is not required to be listed twice but it does not change the meaning of the language to be listed twice.

The Board approved the proposed draft language as presented in OTS-8749.1. Ms. Waidely indicated that a rules hearing will be tentatively scheduled for June 2006.

**WAC 246-915-370 Electroneuromyographic examinations education & training.** Mr. Martin addressed each board member to ask if they have any concerns with the proposed language. Marsha Melnick indicated she thought there was going to be a statement regarding diagnosis vs. testing. There were no other board members that expressed any concerns or modifications to the proposed language.

Melissa Johnson indicated that the RCW is clear that this is a test only.

Elaine Armantrout stated she felt the proposed language is clear and concise.

The Board approved the proposed draft language as presented in OTS-8750.1.

**3. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT**

The public provided comments listed in item #2.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board agreed to hold a rules hearing on the above rules tentatively on June 30, 2006 in the Yakima area. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Jennifer Bressi  
Program Support Manager

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Charles Martin, PT, Chair  
Board of Physical Therapy